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The last Advices from Naples *having given the Publick some Expectation of an approaching Eruption of* Mount Vesuvius, 8 *Miles from that Place, which (they say) has lately cast up more Fire and Ashes, and made a greater Noise, than ordinary; we think it may not be an unseasonable Entertainment to our Readers, if we present them with a brief Account of that surprizing Mountain.*

'IT is generally believed, that the Burning of Mount Vesuvius, concerning the Natural Causes whereof we can only form Conjectures, is as ancient as the Mountain itself. The Heathens, astonished at so great a Prodigy, thought there was something Divine in it; as appears by the following Inscription upon a Marble found in the City of Capua.

IOVI
VESVVIO
SAC.

'One thing is very surprizing in the History of Mount Vesuvius; and that is, its Fruitfulness, which we find recorded by the Writers of all Ages: It was particularly famous for the Excellency of its Vines; among which none was prized so high, as the Falernian, mentioned by Patronius: *Falernum opimianum centum annorum*, &c. Virgil, and after him Columella, and other Authors, give great Encomiums of its Oil, Corn, Pasturage, Fruits, Plants, and several other Products, equally necessary in Life, and delightful to the Eye. But what should be the Reason of its Fertility? This is a Question not easy to be resolved; tho' Strabo, who is followed by Cassiodorus, attributes it to the very Cinders that Mountain produces.

'There were anciently, as there are now, several small Towns or Villages upon the Declivity of this Hill; one of which, *Veseri*, was situate on the Side next to Capua, and is thought to have given Name to the Family of *Vesaria*, mentioned in the following Inscription engraven upon an ancient Marble.

D. M. S.
M. VESERIO
M. FIL. PAL.
JUCUNDIANO
PRAEF. FABRUM
ADCENSO VELATO
PROC. ALIM. VIAE. FLAM
II. VIR DESIG.
SACRIA. JUCUNDA.
MATER.

'Next to Veseri was Heraclea, said to be founded by Hercules, and situate upon a Promontory, with a considerable Haven; Pompeii upon the River Sarnus, or Sarno; Tora, mention'd by Florus, and some others less remarkable. Of the Rivers which spring from Mount Vesuvius, Sarno is the chief, which by the Greeks was called Δράκων, the *Dragon*, probably upon Account of the bad Qualities of the Vapour exhaled from its Waters. However, that is the Name given it by Sigonius, speaking of the famous Battle fought upon its Banks between Narxes Army and that of the Goths.

'For what concerns the Inundations of Flames made by this Mountain, we read but of Five of any Note before the Reign of Augustus, and there have been about Twenty since: So that it is evident, that the Conflagrations of this sort are very irregular; there being an Interval of almost 300 Years between some, and scarce a whole Year between others. The most Remarkable in the Memory of Man, were, that in 1682, which began Aug. 14. and continued till all the Country round about it was covered with Ashes of a most offensive Smell, and the Flames flew as far as the Woods of Ottaiano, which they spoiled; another in September 1685; a third in April 1690; and a fourth in the same Month of the Year 1694, when it threw out a Torrent of melted Stones, which as they grew cool, resumed their former Substance, and became hard Stones of a blackish Colour, from one Foot to four Foot Diameter.

'As for the Depth of the Concavity of this Mount, the Learned differ much. It is certain, that several Persons have at Times thrown in Stones of a considerable Size from the Edge of the Concavity, which some Authors say make a Noise like that when a Stone is cast into a deep Well, and consequently they will have it to be but of a moderate Depth; while others assert, that when a Stone has been thrown in at the Top of Vesuvius, it made several Cascades, till by reason of the Distance they could hear it no longer; and these will have the Concavity to go lower than the Sea itself. Of the eight Miles from Naples above mentioned, it is but four Miles to Resina at the Foot of the Hill, whence Travellers ride up about two Miles and a half, and the rest they are forced to walk up.

Berlin, Feb. 2, N. S. They write from Potsdam, that when the King heard that the Prince Royal lay dangerously ill at Kustrin, he immediately ordered the famous Dr. Stahl to go to him; and Yesterday the Court received Advice, that his Royal Highness was much better; so that he is expected at Potsdam by the time the Duke of Lorrain gets thither, which will certainly be between the 16th and 20th Instant. The Count de Lowenwolde, Lieutenant General in the Service of the Czarina, being returned hither from Vienna, he went to Potsdam on Thursday last, with Lieutenant General de Borck, Prime Minister to the King, where his Majesty has had several Conferences with them; and in regard the Lieutenant General Jagouzinski is expected here about a Week hence, there will then be 3 Russian Ministers at this Court; so that there is no Doubt to be made, but Affairs of the last Importance are upon the Anvil between the two Courts. Mean while, M. Bestuchef, who has resided here till now, is preparing to go to Sweden, as soon as the Count Jagouzinki is arrived here. The Imperial General Count Seckendorff is expected here in two or three Days, as we are inform'd, with a Commission of great Weight; and his Excellency designs to go and meet the Duke of Lorrain, to conduct him hither. Great Numbers of Foreigners come hither every Day, to see the Duke of Lorrain when he comes. The King has sent a Commissary to Ratisbon with great Remittances, to be distributed among the Saltzburgers who are forced to fly their Country for the sake of the Protestant Religion, and to engage them to come and settle in his Majesty's Dominions. Letters from Petersburg advise, that the Czarina of Muscovy was arrived there; and that they flatter themselves her Czarian Majesty will not leave them to return to Moscow yet a while. They write from Warsaw, that great Preparations are making there for the Camp near that Place, which is to consist of the following Troops, *viz.*

HORSE.	*Squadrons.*
Polish Life Guards	4
Lubomirski	1
Werzitski	1
Prebendaw	1
Freneuse	1
Nassau	4
Horse-Grenadiers	4
	16

FOOT.	*Battalions.*
Polish Guards	3
Lithuanian Guards	1
Queen, commanded by the Major-General Count Flemming	1
Frieze	1
Grenadiers, chosen out of the whole Army	1
	7

Dantzick, Jan. 27. N. S. It freezes extraordinary hard here, at Koningsburg, and all over the Baltick; and at Riga harder than in the Year 1709, since they can see no Water from the Shoar.

Basil, Feb. 3. N. S. We hear the Crown of France has declared, that in case the Republick of Venice, or any other Christian Power should be attacked by the Turks, she will not oppose the Measures which those Powers may concert in their Defence.

Zurich, Feb. 3 N. S. The Canton of Schwitz is going to publish a Manifesto, declaring, that the Report as if they designed to make an Irruption into our Country, was false and groundless.

Copenhagen, Feb. 2. N. S. This Day our Seamen received their new Cloaths, and Caps with the King's Name upon them; and they are shortly to be reviewed in their new Habits.

Mentz, Feb. 5. N. S. The Arrears remaining due to the Bavarian Troops in the Emperor's Service, are arrived at Munich from Vienna. A great Number of the Hessian Troops lately disbanded, go to Bavaria, where they meet with Encouragement.

Hamburgh, Feb. 5. N. S. They write from Kiel, that the Duke of Holstein has resolved to make a Tour to Petersburg, to have an Interview with the Czarina of Muscovy.

Cologn, Feb. 8. N. S. The Elector of Bavaria is making a considerable Augmentation of his Forces.

Dusseldorp, Feb. 8. N. S. The Sickness is got among the Cattle in the Parish of Zimmerin in the Palatinate, as they suppose, from Lorrain and Triers, because if a Bladder, which rises upon their Tongue, be not immediately broke, they die in less than 24 Hours.

Falmouth, Feb. 3. Since my last sailed all the Outward bound formerly mentioned; as also the Prince Frederick Pacquet, Lovell, for Lisbon, and the Townshend Pacquet, Cooper, for Corunna; but the Wind coming into the S. W. they all put back the Day following, and continue still here. Yesterday put in the Stamboline, of and from London, to take in Tin for Smyrna; the Horsewell, and the West India Merchant, of and from Ditto, for the West Indies. Wind S. W.

Dartmouth, Feb. 4. On the 2d Inst. came in here the Royal Anne, Bannister, and from Newhaven, for Cork; the [illegible] Hall, of and from Sunderland, with [illegible]

the William and Elizabeth, of Yarmouth, Crouch, from Sunderland, with Coals. The 2d came in the Profperous Anne, of and from London, Finch, for Maryland. This Day came in the Mary St. Anne, of and from Havre, Fountain, for Rochel.

Deal, Feb. 6. The Outward-bound are ſtill here, with one or two more unknown. Yeſterday arrived the Exchange, Harris, from Cadiz, in 14 Days. Wind S. W. blowing hard.

Graveſend, Feb. 6. Arrived the Providence, Teman, from Cane; the Matthew, Hayward, from Seville; the Charming Salley, Baxter, from Havre; the Elizabeth, Billiſton, from Liſbon.

LONDON.

On Sunday the Lady of the Right Hon. the Lord Baltimore was brought to Bed of a Son.

Yeſterday Morning her Majeſty, his Royal Highneſs the Duke, and the Princeſſes Mary and Louiſa, took the Air at Kenſington Gardens, and returned to St. James's to Dinner.

The ſame Morning died, after a ſevere Fit of Illneſs, the Right Hon. the Lord Carpenter, an old and experienced Field Officer, Colonel of a Regiment of Dragoons; who ſignalized himſelf in a glorious and valiant Manner in the Defeat of the Rebels at Preſton and Dumblain, in the Beginning of the Reign of his late Majeſty King GEORGE I. of Glorious Memory.

Yeſterday a Man was committed to the New Gaol in Southwark by Juſtice Lade, being charged with a Robbery in Saint George's Fields.

The ſame Day Mr. Francklin appeared at the Court of King's Bench, Weſtminſter; and, after ſeveral learned Arguments by his Council, and Replies which were made thereto by the Attorney and Solicitor General, he was ordered into ſafe Cuſtody of Mr. Muſſins, the Keeper of the King's Bench Priſon; and this Day he is to be brought up to Court, in order to receive Judgment on his late Conviction.

Yeſterday Morning died at his Seat at Cheſhunt in Middleſex, Mr. Hughes, an eminent Wine Merchant of this City.

The ſame Day died Mr. Skinner, the head Porter belonging to the South Sea Company, whoſe Place is ſaid to be worth 100 *l. per Annum.*

On Sunday Morning died, after a lingering Illneſs, Mr. Scot, an eminent Sadler in Coleman Street.

Yeſterday Capt. Wilſon, Commander of the Duke of Lorrain in the Eaſt India Company's Service, outward bound, being Commodore of the Three Ships, looſed his Fore-Top-Sail, as a Signal for ſailing for the Downs; from whence they will proceed with the firſt fair Wind.

The ſame Day an Expreſs arrived at his Grace the Duke of Newcaſtle's Office, at Whitehall, with ſome Diſpatches from his Excellency Mr. Robinſon, his Majeſty's Envoy Extraordinary at the Court of Vienna.

EDINBURGH, Jan. 31.

Laſt Week died the Reverend Mr. John Anderſon, Miniſter of Selkirk.

On Friday laſt the Right Hon. the Earl of Crawford was unanimouſly choſen a Peer of the Britiſh Parliament, in the room of the Earl of Loudon deceaſed. There were 17 Peers preſent, and 37 Proxies.

The ſame Morning was interred in the Abbey, Mrs. Jean Ilay, Daughter of Sir Rob. Ilay of Linphim; and Yeſterday Morning Mrs. Iſabel Ilay, another Daughter of the ſaid Gentleman.

We hear for certain, that the Great Cauſe depending between the York Buildings Company and Sir John Mears, is amicably ſettled to the Satisfaction of both Parties.

Yeſterday South Sea Stock was 100 1 4th. 99 1 half 99 3 8ths. South Sea Ann. 110 1 half. South Sea Bonds 3 l. 10 s. Bank 149 1 half. Bank Circulation 6 l. 15 s. Million Bank 110. India 177. India Bonds 6 l. 10 s. Royal Aſſurance 99. London Aſſurance 13 1 half. African 46. York Buildings 10. Three per Cent. Ann. 98. Engliſh Copper 2 l. 10 s. Welſh Copper 1 l. 11 s. Blanks 7 l. 7 s. 9 d. 20 l. Prizes 19 l. 13 s.

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AT the KING's THEATRE in the HAY-MARKET, This preſent Tueſday, being the 8th Day of February, will be revived An OPERA, call'd,

JULIUS CÆSAR.

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Of the Deceitfulneſs of Sin.
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Admiralty-Office, [illegible]

THE Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty do hereby give Notice, That a Seſſions of Oyer *and* Terminer, *for the Affairs of the Admiralty, will be held at Juſtice-Hall in the* Old Baily, *on the 28th Day of this Month* February, *at Eight of the Clock in the Forenoon.*

By Command of their Lordſhips,

J. BURCHETT.

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